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In the Matter of )  
 ) RM-9570  
Amendment of Section 73.202(b) ) MM Docket No. 99-136  
Table of Allotments )  
FM Broadcast Stations )  
Babb, MT )

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COMMENTS

The Battani Corporation submits these Comments in support of its Petition for the FCC's allotment of FM channel 233C3 to Babb, MT as that community's "first local aural service."

Babb is a Census Designated Place (1990 Census) with its own local fire department, post office, and public school. It has local churches and commercial businesses. The community is located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Glacier County, Montana -- near the world famous Glacier National Park. A local radio station at Babb would serve not only the residents of Babb and the "nearly two million (2,000,000)" annual visitors to Glacier National Park in Montana <sup>1/</sup> but also the unique social and economic needs of the Blackfeet Indians. <sup>2/</sup>

A grant of the requested allotment would serve the public interest and meet the FCC's allotment priorities by providing a "first local aural service" to Babb (and the Blackfeet Indian tribe). See Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modi-

<sup>1/</sup> Source: 1999 estimate, National Park Service.

<sup>2/</sup> Discussions have been initiated with Tribal officials (Roger Running Crane/Bill Old Chief) to obtain the tribe's public support for the proposed allocation.

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fication of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community  
of License, 5 FCC Rcd 7094, 7096  
(1990).

Upon the FCC's allotment of the channel as requested and following the opening of an appropriate filing window, Petitioner will submit an application for the channel and, if granted a CP, Petitioner promptly will build the new facility.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner urges that the FCC amend the FM Table of Allotments to allocate channel 233C3 at **Babb, MT.**

Respectfully submitted,



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